the Prime Minister's recent visit to Moscow and the decisions arrived at;

(b) whethe, any decision has been 'taken on the debt settlement; and

(c) if so, what are the details and if not, what is the present status of the matter?

'THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) Prime Minister's discussions with Russian leaders in Moscow were wide-ranging and prtductive. International and regional issues of mutual interest were discussed. Particular attention was paid to the development of bilateral cooperation in the political, economic, commercial, defence, science and technology and other fields. Declarations of the protection of the inerests of pluralistic state and on the further development and intensification of bijateral ties and a number of important documents covering tourism, science and technology, information technology, space, environment, standardisation, meteorology, and defence-related co-operation were signed. An understanding was arrived at on overcoming obstacles in the defence sector. It was also agreed to give particular focus to interaction in the field of culture.

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oeitt were finalis-"93, The modalities of the utilisation of the Rupee balance^ against debt .repayments was discussed during Prime Minis-r's visit t$_0$ Moscow. It was agreed that a' 2-3 year ■ perspective plan would be drawn up in respect of tea, tobacco, soyabean shoe uoper and pharmaceuticals so that thexe is greater predictability and certainty o£ upliftment of these items from year to year. Rupee balances would be used for imports of Indian goods i»to Russia and for investing in agreed projects in India and Russia.

Foreign Ministerial talks on illegal emigrants upon India *and* Bangladesh

176. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the issue relating to [illegible]turn of the illegal Bangladeshi [illegible]grants was discussed during his recent talks with the foreign Ministe[illegible]ngladesh; and

(b) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) and (b) [illegible] In April, 1993, External Affa[illegible]er while conveying our concerns stressed the need for stemming illegal immigration from Bangladesh into India. The Bangladeshi side noted that the Joint Working Group comprising senior officials of both sides has since been tasked to recommend measures to resolve this issue.

Talks [illegible]ween India a[illegible]adesh

177. SHRI [illegible] JOGI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister held any talks w[illegible] leaders of Bangladesh durin[illegible]ent visit to that country in connection with the SAARC summit;

(b) if so, the broad outcome thereof;

(c) whether the issue of sharing of Ganga water also figured in the talks; and

(d) if so, the oucome thereof?